

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 10 are being currently amended. No claims are being added or canceled. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, Claims 1 and 3-25 remain pending and under consideration. The amendments and various rejections of the claims will be addressed in detail, below.

Amendments to the Claims:

Instant Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the distributed cellular communication system comprises a plurality of base station controllers coupled to the network, wherein each of the plurality of the base station controllers communicates with each of the plurality of the transceivers through the network. Instant Claim 10 has been amended to recite a distributed cellular network comprising a network, and a plurality of base transceiver station network elements, a plurality of base station controller network elements, and at least one mobile station controller network element coupled to the network, wherein each of the plurality of the base transceiver station network elements communicates with each of the plurality of the base station controller network elements and the at least one mobile station controller network element through the network.

Support for this amendment can be found through out the original disclosure, for example in the Specification at pages 5-7 and in FIG. 4A-4D.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-2, 7-13 and 16-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Statutory Invention Registration H0,001,836 (“Fletcher *et al.*”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,141,565 (“Feurerstein *et al.*”). Claims 3-6, 14-15 and 20-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Fletcher *et al.* in view of Feuerstein *et al.* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,574,221 (“Petersen”). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the distributed cellular communication system comprises a plurality of base station controllers coupled to the network, wherein each of the plurality of the base station controllers communicates with each of the plurality of the transceivers through the network.

Claim 10 has been amended to recite a distributed cellular network comprising a network, and a plurality of base transceiver station network elements, a plurality of base station controller network elements, and at least one mobile station controller network element coupled to the network, wherein each of the plurality of the base transceiver station network elements communicates with each of the plurality of the base station controller network elements and the at least one mobile station controller network element through the network.

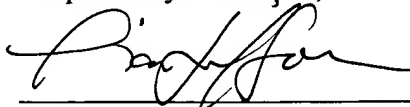
None of Fletcher *et al.*, Feuerstein *et al.* and Petersen teach or suggest a distributed cellular communication system that comprises a network with a plurality of transceivers and a plurality of base station controllers, and/or at least one mobile station controller coupled thereto, wherein each of the plurality of the base station controllers communicates with each of the plurality of the transceivers and/or the at least one mobile station controller through the network. Therefore, any combination of the cited references, would not arrive at the invention recited in instant Claims 1 and 10, and any claims depended therefrom.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1 and 3-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Fletcher *et al.*, Feuerstein *et al.* and Petersen.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any matters can be handled by telephone, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone Applicants' attorney at the number below. No fees beyond those being submitted concurrently herewith are believed due. However, the commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Dorsey & Whitney LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-65029/MSS (467282-32)).

Respectfully submitted,



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